1 Debra I. Grassgreen (CA Bar No. 169978) Maxim B. Litvak (CA Bar No. 215852) PACHULSKI STANG ZIEHL & JONES LLP 2 150 California Street, 15th Floor 3 San Francisco, California 94111-4500 Telephone: 415/263-7000 4 Facsimile: 415/263-7010 E-mail: dgrassgreen@pszjlaw.com mlitvak@pszjlaw.com 5 6 Attorneys for Debtors and Debtors in Possession 7 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 8 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 9 OAKLAND DIVISION 10 11 In re: Case No.: 10-40297 EDJ 12 **DOYLE D. HEATON and** Chapter 11 MARY K. HEATON, 13 MOTION OF DEBTORS PURSUANT Debtors. **TO BANKRUPTCY RULE 9019(a) FOR** APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AND 14 **COMPROMISE WITH ANTHONY &** 15 ANGELA BILICH 16 [Pursuant to B.L.R. 9014-1, no hearing unless opposition filed or hearing 17 requested] 18 Doyle D. Heaton and Mary K. Heaton, a married couple (together, the "Debtors") hereby 19 move the Court (the "Motion") pursuant to Rule 9019(a) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy 20 Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules") for approval of a settlement and compromise (the "Agreement") 21 with Anthony & Angela Bilich (together, the "Lender"). A true and correct copy of the Agreement 22 is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. A proposed form of order (the "Order") approving the Agreement is 23 attached hereto as Exhibit B. 24 25 26 27 28

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RELIEF REQUESTED

By the Motion, the Debtors seek authorization to transfer the deed (the "Deed") of certain real property located at 12972 Muhlbach Way, Truckee, California (the "Property") to the Lender in lieu of foreclosure. In exchange for transfer of the Property, the Lender agrees that all claims arising under that certain promissory note of the Debtors in the principal amount of \$220,000 (the "Note") will be released.

Title to the Property is currently held by Heaton Enterprises I, LLC ("Heaton Enterprises"), 1 which is wholly owned by the Doyle D. Heaton Qualified Personal Residence Trust Truckee (the "Trust"). The Trust and its assets are not property of the estate under section 541 of the Bankruptcy Code. Nevertheless, the Debtors believe that the most prudent course of action is to disclose this proposed transaction and out of an abundance of caution seek the Court's authorization to the extent necessary even though the Trust's assets are not property of the estate.

As of March 10, 2010, the total amount outstanding under the Note, inclusive of unpaid interest and fees, is approximately \$244,500. The Debtors estimate that the fair market value of the Property is approximately \$250,000. The Debtors believe that the fair market value of the Property is less than the total amount outstanding under the Note when potential brokers' fees, closing costs, and related expenses are taken into account.

The Debtors believe that the proposed settlement is fair, reasonable, and in the best interest of the estate because there is little or no equity in the Property and the Debtors are not in a position to service the debt thereon. Moreover, the satisfaction of the Lender's claim under the Note will eliminate any risk associated with having deficiency claims asserted against the estate by the Lender on account of the Note.

This Motion is based on the memorandum of points and authorities and the declaration of Doyle D. Heaton submitted in support hereof.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court grant this Motion in its entirety and enter the Order approving the Agreement, and granting such other and further relief to which the Debtors may be entitled.

2 Entered: MOTION OF DEBTORS PURSUANT TO BANKRUPTCY ENTERN AND TO BANKR COMPROMISE WITH ANTHONY & ANGELA BILICH

In the Schedules, the Property was inadvertently listed as owned by Heaton Enterprises III, LLC.

Dated:	June 14, 2010	PACI	HULSKI STANG ZIEHL & JONES LLP
		Ву	/s/ Maxim B. Litvak Maxim B. Litvak Attorneys for Debtors and Debtors in Possession

EXHIBIT A

(Agreement)

Agreement and Release

This Agreement and Release ("<u>Agreement</u>") is entered into as of May ___,2010 by and among Doyle D. Heaton ("<u>Borrower</u>"), Heaton Enterprises I, LLC ("<u>Heaton LLC</u>"), a limited liability company, and Anthony & Angel Bilich ("<u>Lender</u>" and together with Borrower and Heaton LLC, the "<u>Parties</u>"), regarding a certain loan obligation of Borrower to Lender.

A. On January 11, 2010 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), Doyle D. Heaton and Mary K. Heaton, a married couple (together, the "<u>Debtors</u>"), filed a joint voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>"). Since the Petition Date, the Debtors have continued in possession of their properties and the management of their assets as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107 and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

- B. On January 3, 2006, the Borrower purchased the property located at 12972 Muhlbach Way, Truckee, California (the "<u>Property</u>"). Borrower financed the purchase price of the Property pursuant to a certain promissory note of the Debtors in the original principal amount of \$220,000 (the "<u>Note</u>"). The Debtors' obligations under the Note are secured by the deed for the property. As of March 10, 2010, the total amount outstanding under the Note, inclusive of unpaid interest and fees, is approximately \$244,500.
- C. The Note is secured by that certain deed of trust, dated December 28, 2005 (the "<u>Deed</u>"), executed by Doyle D. Heaton, as trustor in favor of Lender, which Deed was recorded in the Official Records of Nevada County, California as Instrument No. 2006-0000020-00 on January 3, 2006. The Deed is annexed hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>. The Deed encumbers the Property located in the City of Truckee, County of Nevada, State of California, having a legal description as follows:

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"PARCEL 2:

Lot 300, of Tahoe Donner Unit No. 10, as shown on the Official Map thereof, filed in the Office of the Nevada County Recorder on

July 5, 1973, in Book 4 of Subdivisions at Page 55. (APN: 45-510-

30-000) ("Property")."

D. There are no guaranties of the indebtedness evidenced by the Note or

Deed. After its acquisition, the Property was subsequently transferred to the Heaton LLC.

Heaton LLC is an affiliate of Borrower.

E. As set forth herein, Borrower, Heaton LLC, and Lender believe that it

would be in their best interest for Lender to accept Deed in lieu of foreclosure in total

satisfaction of Borrower's obligations under the Note and all loan documents given by Borrower

in connection with the Note including the Deed (collectively "Loan Documents").

NOW, THEREFORE, upon the mutual promises, covenants, and agreements set

forth herein, and for other good and variable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which

are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereto, intending to be legally bound hereby, agree as

follows:

1. Upon Borrower's and Lender's mutual execution of this Agreement, Borrower's

delivery to Lender of the Deed to the Property, executed by Heaton LLC, and the Court's

approval of this Agreement, Lender agrees that all of Borrower's debts, obligations, costs and

charges secured by the Deed and all other obligations of Borrower to Lender under the Note and

all Loan Documents, including the Deed, are fully satisfied and discharged and Lender agrees

that it may not assert any claims against Borrower or Heaton LLC for any and all obligations

arising under the Note, Deed, or the Loan Documents.

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2. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, any of which may be

transmitted by facsimile, and each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which

together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

3. This Agreement and all the provisions hereof shall be binding upon and shall

inure to the benefit of all the Parties, and each of their respective executors, heirs, successors and

assigns.

4. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the Parties concerning the

subject matter hereof and supersedes any prior understandings, agreements or representations by

or among the Parties, written or oral, to the extent they relate in any way to the subject matter

hereof.

5. This Agreement shall not be modified, altered, amended or vacated without

written consent of all parties hereto, subject to Court approval.

6. This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto will be

governed by the laws of the State of California.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties written above.	have ex	ecuted this Agreement as of the date
BORROWER:		HEATON LLC:
Doyle D. Heaton		HEATON ENTERPRISES I, LLC
	By: Title:	
LENDER:		
By:		
Anthony Bilich		
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other actions to interpret, administer or enforce the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

The Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to any disputes arising from or

Angela Bilich

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7. The Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to any disputes arising from or other actions to interpret, administer or enforce the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date written above.

BORROWER:	HEATON LLC:
Doyle D. Heaton	HEATON ENTERPRISES I, LLC
Boyle B. Heaton	BY: BRANDON J. CINTULA Senior Vice President & Senior Trust Officer
LENDER:	
By: Anthony Bilich	<u> </u>
LENDER:	
Ву:	
Angela Bilich	

7. The Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to any disputes arising from or other actions to interpret, administer or enforce the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date written above.

BORROWER:	HEATON LLC:
Doyle D. Heaton	HEATON ENTERPRISES I, LLC
	Ву:

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LENDER:

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EXHIBIT A

(Deed)

[AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST]

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EXHIBIT B

(Proposed Order)

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6	Attorneys for Debtors and Debtors in Possession					
7 8	UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT					
9	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA					
10	OAKLAND DIVISION					
11	In re:	Case No.: 10-40297 EDJ				
12	DOYLE D. HEATON and	Chapter 11				
13 14	MARY K. HEATON, Debtors.	ORDER APPROVING MOTION OF DEBTORS OF SETTLEMENT AND COMPROMISE WITH ANTHONY & ANGELA BILICH				
15 16		[No Hearing Required]				
17 18 19	The Court has considered the <i>Motion of Debtors Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019(a) for Approval of Settlement and Compromise with Anthony & Angela Bilich</i> (the "Motion"). ² It appe					
20	appears that the relief requested in the Motion is reasonable and in the best interest of the estate. After due deliberation and sufficient cause shown,					
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22	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:					
23	1. The Motion is granted.					
24	2. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankrup	otcy Procedure 9019, the Agreement and Release				
25	(the "Agreement"), between the Debtors and Anthony & Angela Bilich (together, the "Lender") and					
26	attached to the Motion as Exhibit A, is approved in its entirety. The Debtors are authorized and					

Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

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directed to enter into and to perform under the Agreement.

- 3. Upon consummation of the Agreement, the Lender shall have no claims against the Debtors arising under the Note or in any way relating thereto.
- 4. This Order is effective immediately. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation or enforcement of this Order.

END OF ORDER

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